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Dear Dean:

I am writing in answer to yours of the 22nd on the chance I don't get to see you in Washington.

I've had quite a lot of correspondence with Flanagan that boiled down to the same thing as his letter to you. But I feel in principle that Flanagan has a particular set against genetics and demands a talking down in this area that is far beneath the journal's standard elsewhere. In any case I would be delighted if you would take on the job. I don't have time now for any more serious writing but will be glad to help on the fringes if you want it.

This should be a different challenge than the Science paper: (1) our own perspectives have broadened, (2) the separation of the topic is very wise and (3) this lets us focus on a more concrete issue in some more detail, with even more stress on communicating rather than originating. So if you have time, why not do it?

Have you seen Shapley's book yet? I haven't been able to get hold of it but may in Washington.

Yours,

JL/jp